

**Williston School District 29**

12255 Main Street  
Williston, SC 29853



# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

**Grades:** PK-12 District

**Enrollment:** 917 students

**District Phone:** 803-266-7878

**District Website:** <http://www.williston.k12.sc.us/>

**Superintendent:** Dr. Missoura G. Ashe

**Board Chair:** Mr. Billy Williams, Jr.



## Profile of the SC Graduate

### World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

### World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

### Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

## WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

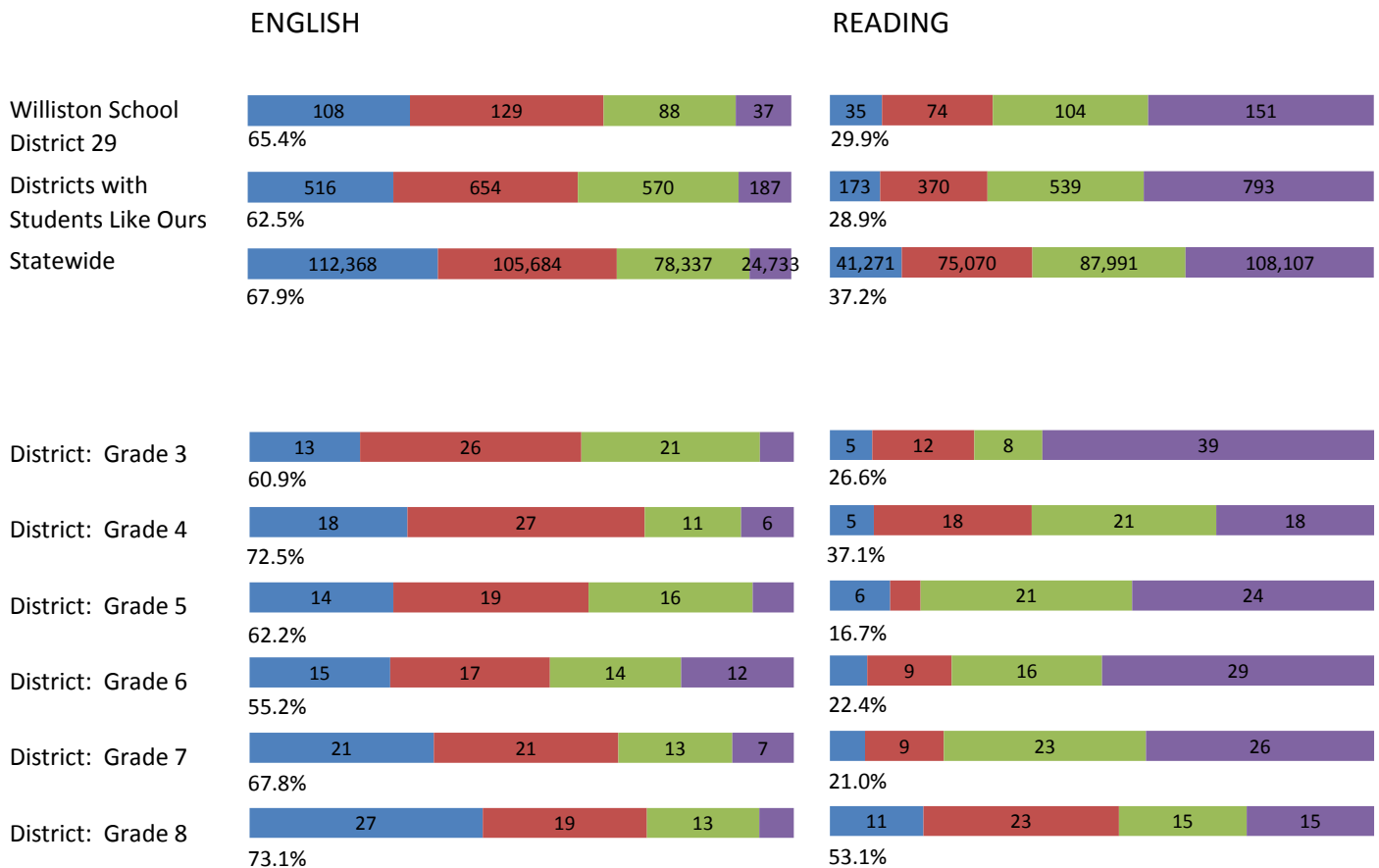
*Our district is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

Williston School District 29 continued its tradition of developing students with world class skills along with life and career characteristics that are found in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. This goes hand in hand with our mission of developing respectful and productive citizens by providing challenging and enriching experiences in a safe environment. Our district received a "B" rating under the federal accountability system and an "excellent" rating on our state report card in both the absolute and growth categories. We were one of only seven school districts in the state to achieve this rating. U.S. News and World Report ranked Williston-Elko High School 322 out of 500 high schools nationwide that beat the odds with students of poverty. Of the six South Carolina High Schools ranked on this list, our high school was number one. Williston-Elko High School also received 2 Palmetto Gold awards, one for overall academic achievement and one for closing the achievement gap. Our graduation rate continues to improve and our drop-out rate continues to decline. Our athletic and arts programs outpaced themselves this year with several athletic teams placing in the region and state and our drama department outdid themselves with their production of Sweeney Todd in the spring. Our band program continued its legacy of performing around the state and out of state in various parades and placed in many statewide competitions. We continue to cultivate our community partnerships and have a great relationship with our local businesses as well as the B.E.C. (Business, Education & Community) group that creates opportunities for our students through career awareness and assists us with meeting the profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Opportunities for the 2015-2016 school year include being a candidate for AdvancED district accreditation, transitioning to the new South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards in ELA and math along with yet another new state test which won't be announced until the fall of 2015. Our Board of Trustees is committed to providing quality facilities that will meet the needs for the future of our district and the quality of the education we provide for years to come. Thanks to all of our students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators, business, community and faith organizations for your continued support of our district. We look forward to a great 2015-2016 school year. Dr. Missoura G. Ashe, Superintendent

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

**KNOWLEDGE**

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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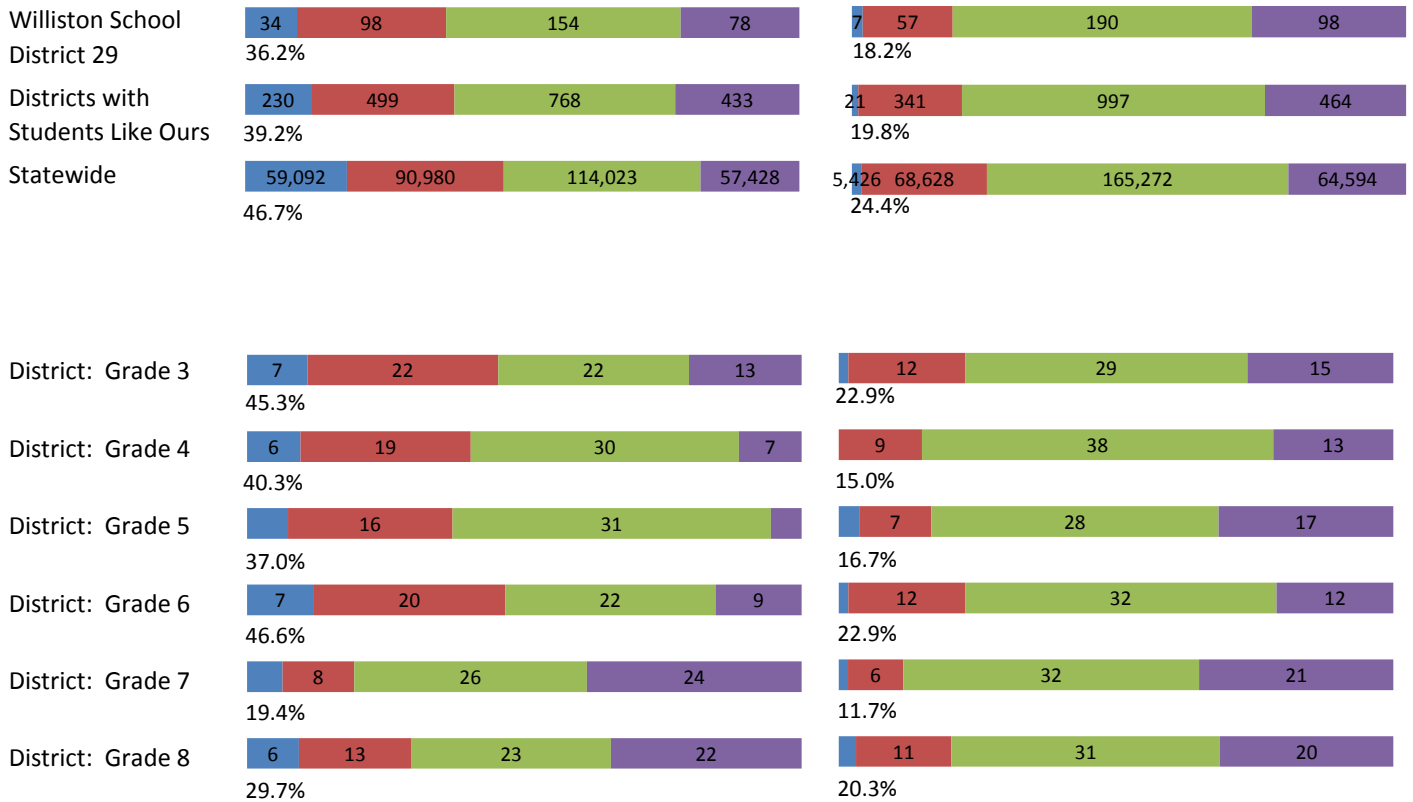
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**KNOWLEDGE****MATHEMATICS****WRITING**

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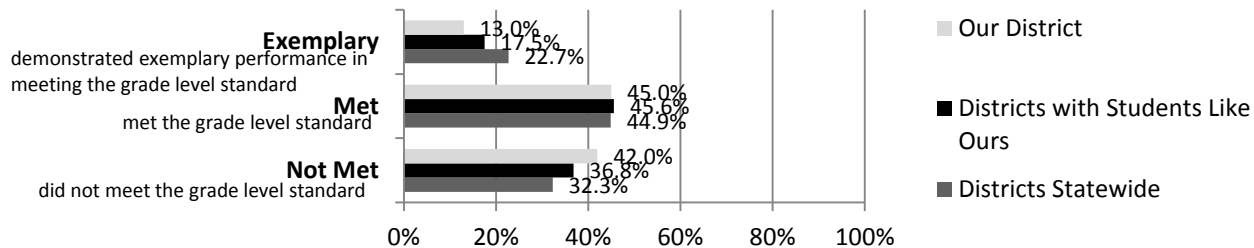
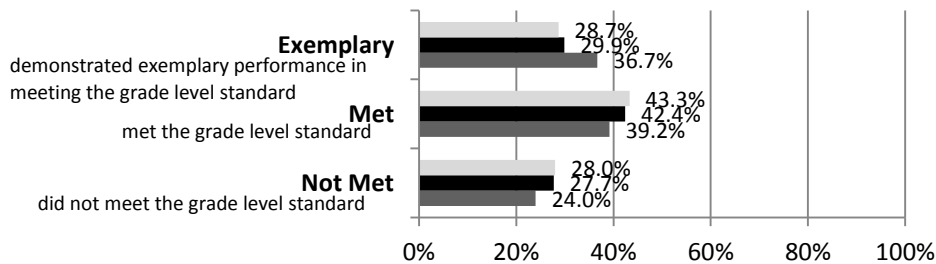
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Science****Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
59.7	55.6	41.4	53.2	78.1

**Social Studies SCPASS**

Our District: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

4th grade	5th grade	6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
85.5	61.1	67.2	61.3	82.8

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary

**"Exemplary"**: student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met

**"Met"**: student met the grade level standard.

Not Met

**"Not Met"**: student did not meet the grade level standard.

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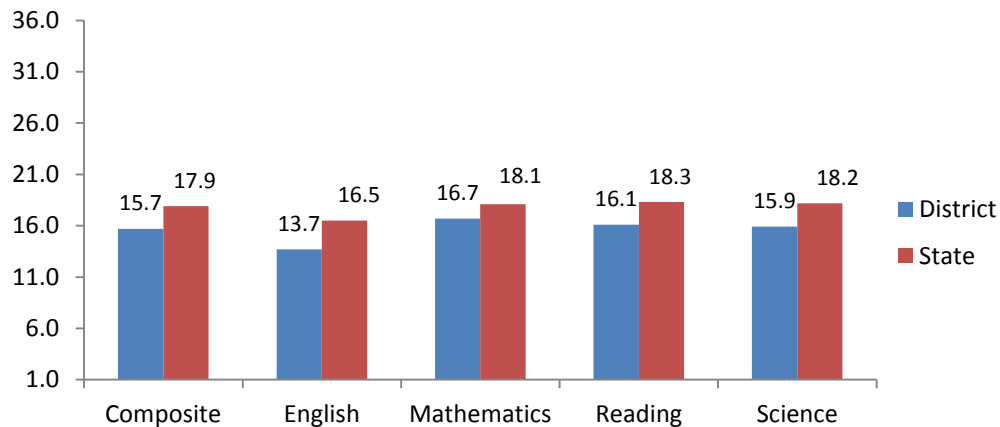
**KNOWLEDGE****End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our District	Districts with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	85.1	82.1	85.7
English 1	83.1	67.9	75.1
Biology 1	78.6	68.5	77.8
US History and the Constitution	65.3	60.1	69.1
All Subjects	78.0	70.1	77.3

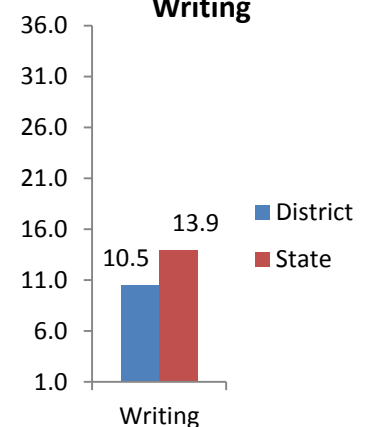
Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the district.

**The ACT**, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015**



**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**



**Percent of Students in District Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015**

English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
17.1	9.8	13.6	7.3	2.4

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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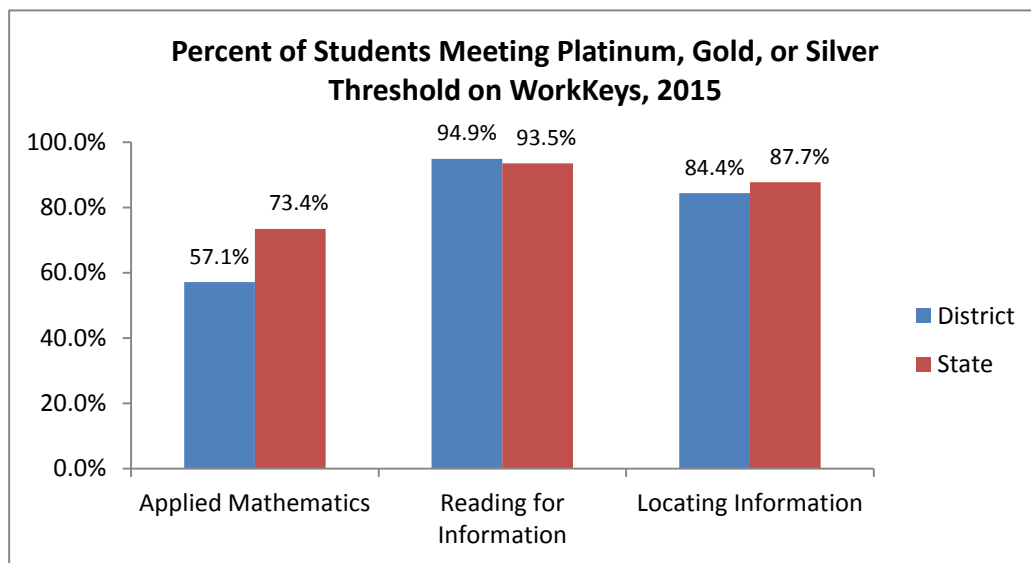
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ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.



District SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
51.5	434	446	426	1306

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

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**OUTCOMES**

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

District Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
98.5	91.9	74.7	88.6

District Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
93.5	75.6	88.8	83.5

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	
District	State
42.4	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014	
District	State
50.0	70.3

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**OPPORTUNITIES****For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 917)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	81.7	Down from 86.2%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.1	Down from 96.0%	94.7
With disabilities	13.1	Up from 12.7%	13.7
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.5	Up from 1.2%	0.8
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	6.6	Down from 6.9%	11.0
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	19.9	Up from 13.2%	9.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	34.1	Up from 33.3%	41.7
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	2.3	N/A	2.9
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	-18.0
Students participating in work-based experiences	26.5	N/A	2.9
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	38	N/A	169
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	100.0	N/A	87.0
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	35	Up from 10	77
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	98.9
Annual dropout rate	0.4	Down from 2.1%	1.9
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	0.9
Percentage of students retained	2.0	Down from 2.4%	2.5
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	1	Down from 10	38
Completed adult education GED or diploma program	1	Down from 4	7
<b>Teachers (n = 68)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	55.9	Down from 56.9%	58.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	83.8	Up from 75.4%	80.0
Teachers returning from previous year	85.6	Down from 85.8%	89.1
Teacher attendance rate	92.4	Down from 97.3%	94.8
Average teacher salary*	\$45,574	Up 0.9%	\$46,669
Professional development days / teacher	N/A	N/A	N/AV
District-issued technology devices per teacher	N/A	N/C	N/A
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	Down from 0.8%	3.5
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.7

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with students like ours
<b>District</b>			
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	10.1 to 1	Down from 20.2 to 1	20.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	84.4	Down from 92.0%	88.0
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Excellent
Number of schools with AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	1	No change	N/A
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	100.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Number of schools with classroom wireless access	1.0	N/C	N/A
Do any schools plan to implement one-to-one computing	No	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	N/A	N/C	N/A
Do any schools offer online or blended (50% online) courses	No	N/C	N/A
Dual enrollment courses offered	9	N/A	12
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,841	Up 3.6%	\$9,556
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	50.0	Up from 49.9%	50.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	52.5	Down from 53.1%	53.1
Average administrator salary	\$74,666	Down 10.4%	\$79,379

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

**State Ratings History of District**

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Excellent	Excellent

Based on state law, districts will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards  
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)  
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)  
[Report Card Data Files](#)  
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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